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PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Smallpox epidemic in Lima under control—House fumigation at Lima for plague—Status of plague in Peru.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, March 10:

Week ended March 7. One steamship and 2 sailing vessels were dispatched, with an aggregate personnel of 125 crew and 152 passengers. The sailing vessels were bound for Newcastle, New South Wales, later for San Francisco, Cal. Fumigation was advised for both of them, but was refused by their masters. The steamship was fumigated.

The smallpox epidemic in Lima appears to be controlled. At the close of February there were only 4 cases in the smallpox hospital. During the same month 41 houses were fumigated for cases of plague or the finding of dead rodents.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad:

Locality.	Cases February 27.	New.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining March 4.
Lima	8	2	2		8
Chosica	1				1
Trujillo	47	24	6	14	51
Paita	2	1	1	1	1
Ferrenafe	6				6
Catacaos	13	4	8		9
Eten	5				5
Chepen	3	1		2	2
Mollendo	1	1		1	1
Monsefu	3				3
Chiclayo		1			1
Sullana (province of Paita)		1			1

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera nearly extinct at Manila—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, February 17 and 25:

Week ended February 15. Cholera seems to have practically disappeared from the city of Manila, only one sporadic case having been reported during the week covered by this report. It is interesting to observe that coincident with the disappearance of cholera it has been impossible to find further evidences of the cholera organism in the city sewers.

In summing up the mortality records of the cases treated at the San Lazaro cholera hospital it is worthy of note that the death rate is lower at this time than during any previous outbreak.

Vessels clearing for United States ports were granted consular bills of health as follows:

February 14, the British steamship *Changsha*, with 71 in the crew and 11 passengers, en route from Hongkong to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection.

February 14, the French steamship *Gange*, with 73 in the crew and 4 passengers, en route from Vladivostok to Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after due inspection of vessel and personnel.

February 14, the British steamship *Gulf of Venice*, with 56 in the crew, en route from Sydney to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health after inspection.

February 15, the United States Army transport *Sherman*, with 190 in the crew and 1,113 passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected. The vessel was partially disinfected. The cargo was passed or disinfected and so certified. The manifests were viséed. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing.

Week ended February 22, there were 2 cases of cholera with 1 death reported.

Vessels granted consular bills of health as follows: February 17, the British steamship *Antilochus*, with 90 in the crew and 1 passenger, en route from Glasgow to Seattle, was granted a supplemental bill of health, after the usual inspection of cargo and personnel.

February 17, the American steamship *Shawmut*, with 138 in the crew and 34 passengers, was granted a bill of health for Tacoma via Hongkong and Japan ports. All persons on board were inspected and passed at the hour of sailing. The baggage and cargo was inspected, and either disinfected or passed. February 18, the British steamship *Shimosa*, with 58 in the crew, en route from Yokohama to Boston and New York via Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The crew and cargo were inspected prior to sailing. February 20, the United States army transport *McClellan*, with 134 in the crew and 67 passengers, was granted a bill of health for New York. The cargo and baggage were inspected, and either disinfected, or passed, and so labeled. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing.

Quarantine transactions of the Service in the Philippine Islands during the month of January, 1908.

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued	322
Vessels inspected	292
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected	6,363
Persons vaccinated	247
Crew on arriving steamships inspected	9,774
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	868
Persons quarantined for observation, suspects and contacts	246
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	746
Persons in quarantine	246
Persons remaining in quarantine January 31	40
Vessels in quarantine	2
Vessel remaining in quarantine January 31	1
Steamship disinfected	1
Steamships partially disinfected	5
Steamships fumigated to exterminate vermin	7
Sailing vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin	2
Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on vessels; smallpox	3
Pieces of baggage disinfected	1,019
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed	255

Outgoing.

Vessels entering quarantine during the month	103
Vessels remaining in quarantine January 31	2
Steamships sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	108
Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	44
Steamships disinfected	2